

## DECLARATION BY THE CANDIDATE

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I hereby declare that “**A study on *Ralstonia solanacearum* virulence in eggplant and tomato seedlings and the role of polyphosphate metabolism homologues in virulence**” has been submitted to the **Department of Molecular Biology and Biotechnology, Tezpur University** under the School of Sciences in partial fulfillment for the award of the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in Molecular Biology and Biotechnology. This is an original work carried out by me and it has not been previously considered for the award of any degree, diploma, associateship, fellowship or any other similar title or recognition from any University, Institute or other organization.

**Date:**.....

**Place:** Tezpur, Assam

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